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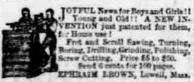
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Disinterested Advice to Demo crats.

[N. Y. Sun.] Ye fierce and furious Democrats, Rear up about your barrels, And sharl and snap, and bark and bito,

In selfish petty quarrels. There's this man here, and that man there, And each one has a fantion, And all should freely be allowed

Illimitable action. Don't mind the stupid rule that holds Republicans together, That makes them tread the party line,

In spite of wind or weather. Too independent you should be To follow such a notion; Let each support his separate sea, And thus oppose the ecean.

Then, when your scant remains are viewed As bits of petrifection. You still shall keep the credit of Your Individual action. Remember not that ancient phrase

Which made the Constitution-The motto, "Join or Die," upon The flag of Revolution. Remember every private end,

Rach individual notion. That thus a speck of spite may live, When deluged by the ocean. Though men may urge you to unite,

Don't listen unto any; But still with claws and teeth renew The cat-fight of Kilkenny. Mrs. Spriggle-A Southwestern

Sketch. Not a week later Mrs. Spriggle presented herself at Briarley. The black dress had suffered visibly from contact with muddy roads on the way. The black sun-bonnet was limper and rustier than ever. Their wearer dropped into a chair, and crossed her hands

dejectedly on her knees. Reckon ye done heered 'bout my gal bein' married,' she said, without raising her eyes from the floor.

'Yes. I was much surprised to hear it,' the mistress replied. 'She must be very young.'

'Yes, she is tol'able young, is sis,goin' on fifteen. But law, I was married at thirteen,-I was so!'

She looked up quickly, but catching an expression of disapproval on the mistress's face she east her eyes again upon the floor.

'The wust on it is,' continued she, he ain't got a cent, nor he can't make one, nuther.' 'Why did you let your daughter take

him, then?' 'Well, he come a-dawdlin' round sis, gun, and could keep sis in coons an'

'Not earn any more!' cried the mis tress incredulously! 'What is the matyour daughter properly?'

Mrs. Spriggle pushed back her bon-

horn. And,' with a gesture of dis- this city does, is only playing second gust, 'he's the powerfullest no-account fiddle to the Grant boom. critter ye ever did see.'

daughter go away with such a man.' Why, don't ye know? They's a-livin'

to home with me.'

continued,fussin', I reckon.'

than you did?" 'Well, it's flyin' in the face o' Providence not to take up with a husband

They can't so!' he's not a good husband."

net down over it.

mebbe he can ketch rabbits, if he of Court.-N. Y. Herald. knowed how to make a trap, now! I must be gettin' along .- [December At-

WASHINGTON LETTER.

Washington, D. Nov. 26, '79.

Secretary Sherman will, in this forth coming report or Mr. Hayes will for him, recommend the retirement of all the green backs outstanding, The Secretary's friends say he thinks this if sanctioned by Congress, will complete resumption. Here is a chance for prolonged discussion during the next presented yesterday a bright and aniof the members of the House without distinction of party would vote against the Secretary's proposition. We shall see in how good discipline he has the Republican members.

The scheme to create a Grant 'boom in the South is one of those wild ideas which are realized once in a thousand years. It has a certain plausibility because the radical party might nominate aman more distaste ful than Grant to the voters of the Southern States. I do not know how the party could do it, but in the event of its being done there is no good reason why, admitting for the sake of argument that the radicals will win next year, the South should not be solid for Grant. But the fallacy underlying the proposed Grant movement among conservative people in the South is that already mentioned, viz: that the radicals are sure to elect their candidate for the Presidency. The figures show that they have no such certainty. I need only refer to the drawn battle

in New York at the late election, the prospect in Indiana and the hopes of Democratic success on the Pacific coast. Northern aid beyond New York and Indiana, is not necessary in next year's contest. In truth, the chances are to-day greatly in favor of demo cratic success in 1880, no matter what candidate the radicals may select. For that reason if for no other representative Southern men should be choice.

I do do not say at this time that in taking Grant the South would take also the Republican party, though that eral, supposing him to be once elected fore against the advice of the Repuban' he 'd allus a powder-horn a-hang- lican leaders, be would be less power in' on to him; so I just 'lowed he 'd a ful and influential in the North than even Mr Hayes was a year ago. So possums. She's a master-hand at fresh far as home government in the South meat, is my gal! He scraped up two is concerned, therefore the contest is THE ONLY ALL-RAIL ROUTE dollars somewhar to get the license clearly between the democratic and rewith an' to pay the preacher; but I publican parties. The Southerner who don't reckon he'll ever arn any more.' falters in that contest is untrue to him self and to his section. Your correspondent has no candidate for the democrat ter that he can't work and support ic party. Inside its lines, whether in the East or West, there are many fit men, not all of whom have yet been promnet and crossed her knees before she inently named for the place. It reanswered. Then she shook her head mains for the Democratic Convention to nominate the best and most availa-'I never found out,' she said, 'till ble man. The democratic paper which they was done married, as how he'd says the that this man or that man can nary gun at all,-nothin' but a powder- be elected and no other, as the Post of

I would like to see a solid demo-'You must feel badly to let your cratic vote in Congress during the coming session to retain General Ben-'Oh, law, she ain't gone! Did ye jamin F. Butler in the management of think he had ary house to put her in? tue Volunteer Soldiers Homes. There are several of them, and they do a good work. The money for their future This amazing piece of intelligence support is already provided. General nearly took away the mistress's breath. Butler may be said to have created Before she could reply, Mrs. Spriggle the Homes, and to have been their best friend during their existence. What's did's did! 'Tain't no use He has been their active manager. Such democrats, North and South, as United States and Canada.

Lowest Rates of Freight and Through Bills of Lading given to and him without knowing more about him tisan only in appearance should you to retain Butler.

> It often happens that a man is wilwhen he comes along.' She glanced ling to pay a compliment, even when up appealingly as she spoke. 'Gals he is unable to pay his other debts. can't get a good husband every day,- A compliment, however, may look

ST. JULIAN.

The Fastest of all-He Trots Mile in 2:19 3-4.

> A Horse that Can't be Bought for \$40,000:

San Francisco Chronicle, October 26. The pretty trotting-park at Oakland

visit some trials of speed, in which ladies and their escorts, as was also ly decorated with flowers, shrubs, and the national banners. The quarter was beaten; but at Stockon he stretch on either side was thickly lined with equipages, in which were also countless ladies in light costumes that shone replendent in the sun's soft turf. rays. The weather was beautiful, and the general view of the bay and the pretty grounds and the picturesque range of hills in the distance, imparted a charming variety to the scene.

The first on the programme was trot for the 2:29 class for a purse of \$750, in which were entered Alonzo Hayward, selling in the pools for \$15 Volunteer for \$10, Pinole Patchen for \$5, and others, Stranger, Pete, Lady Gertrude, Lady Emmet, and Gentle Annie, comprising the field, for \$20. This was won by Pete in 2.281 Then came the great event of the

day, the attempt of St. Julian with running mate, to beat the best trotting record for a purse of \$800. The track was in very favorable condition for fast time. After a short delay, St. Julian passed through the gate and proceeded leisurely down the track to slow in abandoning the party of its take a little preparatory exercise previous to the trial in two dashes, to eclipse 2:13} the record of Rarus, the king of the trotting turf. The horse looked wonderfully fit and strong, and is more than likely. But if the Gen- moved with such ease and freedom that those who had seen him make a by the aid of Southern votes, should mile at Stockton, and do even faster attempt to conduct his administration time at San Jose, were confident that upon really just principles, and there- he would lower that record, but were too skeptical to imagine that the name of St. Julian would be flashed last night all through the land WITH 2;121 TO HIS CREDIT.

> presence of General Grant, would the record of Rarus be beaten. At the second attempt the bay gelding, disdaining the aid of the running mate, came down to the score at a grand swinging gait, and Hickok nodding assent, the bell sounded and St. Julian sped along on his first trial, and hundreds of watches were set clicking to that time with his own miniature weap. ons. Gen, Grant stood in the corner of the grand stand and nearest the distance pole, and followed with an intense gaze the the fleeting animal as it passed around the lower turn; and when he reached the quarter mile in 3S seconds, or at a 2:12 gait, there was a perceptible movement of surprise that was intensified as the noble borse stillingreased his stride and reached the half in 1:051, or the second quarter at the rate of 209. There was a subdued murmur, and the spectators became seemingly imbued with the idea of witnessing a grand performance as St. Julian sped on his way and reached the the three quarter pole in 1:40; or the third quarter at the rate of 2:19; but when well into the home stretch, he again increased his stride, and urged to his utmost, he came along with a magnificent stride and passed under the wire in

THE UNPRECEDENTED TIME

But, said the mistress, it seems ceal the sting of the wasp. A certain the superb gait of 2:11 to the mile. store a state of things far brighter lawyer was compelled to apologize to St. Julian appeared none the worse than the fabulous age of gold ; it would Mrs. Spriggle's face, which had the Court. With stately dignity, he for his arduous feat, save that he had annihilate every sting; it would pluck brightened slightly, took on a gloom rose in his place and said: "Your displaced his boot on the off hind leg every poisonous tooth; it would hush ier hue, and she pulled the black bon- Honor is right and I am wrong, as and this was mainly the cause that Yeur Honor generally is." There with another boot that did not fit well animate creation is not insepsible to That's so, she assented, tearfully, was a dazed look in the Judge's eye, he could not make as good time in this divine influence. The bud, the He's wass than pary husband. That's and he bardly knew whether to feel the succeeding trial. This was also flower, and fruit put forth most abundso, I do say. But, as she rose to go, happy or fine the lawyer for contempt made without skip or break, in 0.331 antly and beautifully, where the hand 2.15) to the mile, amid immense ap- ture. And if this blessed influence The Texas legislature has abolished plause. St. Julien, the present won should extend itself over the earth, a the dog tax. Tennessee has not only der of the trotting turf, is by Volun- moral garden of Eden would exist done this, but has refunded the dog teer, his dam being by Cyrus S. Clay.

History says that Eve first tempted tax already paid. A good country He is a handsome bay, with near hind for sheep those states, or rather good foot white, and a slight star in the states for the dogs who can them for chead. He is 151 hands high, with Bishop Uphare.

strong well-moulded limbs as sound as a bell, and he weighs 1,045 pounds. He was driven in a new shoe, supplied yesterday by O'Durnigan and O'Dea weighing fifteen ounces behind. Mr. Hickok was commissioned in 1875 to purchase the best horse he found in the eastern markets; and he was undecided for a time between Rarus, with a record of 2:201, and St. Julian, with a record of 2:221, but finally he session. I suppose two thirds or more mated appearance on the occasion of bought the latter for \$20,000. His the invitation of the Golden Gate Fair first race in this state was with the District association to Gen. Grant to celebrated stallion Dan Voorhees, whom he defeated easily, the best time were engaged two of the best being but 2:251. He afterwards was horses owned in California, The sick for some time, and it was only grand stands were were well filled with this season that Mr. Hickok could put put him through such severe the balcony of the hotel, which was training as was requisite for a free for covered with an awning, and profuse- all race. At Sacremento he was restless, fidgety and hard to drive, and

> REDEEMED HIS LAURELS, And lowered his record to 2:17, and to day he stands at the head of the

John Burroughs on "Cows"

Blessed is he whose youth was passed upon the farm, and if it was a dairy farm his memories will be all the more fragrant. The driving of the cow to and from the pasture every day and every season for years-bow much of Summer and of nature he got into him on these journeys! What rambles and excursions did this errand furnish an excuse for! The birds and birds nests, the berries the squirrels, the woodehucks, the beech woods with their treasures into which the cows loved so to wander and to browse, the fragrant wintergreens and a hundred nameless adventures all strung upon that brief journey of half a mile to and from the remote pastures, Sometimes one cow or two will be missing when the herd is brought home at night; then to hunt them up is another ad. venture, My grandfather went out one night to look up an absentee from the yard when he he heard something in the brush, and out stepped a bear into the path before him.

Every Sunday morning the cows must be salted. The farm-boy takes a pail with three or four quarts of coarse salt, and followed by the eager herd, goes to the field and deposits the salt in handfuls upon smooth stones and rocks and upon clean places on the turf. If you want know how good salt is see a cow eat it. She gives There was no betting on the event, the true saline smack. How she but bets were freely offered at \$50 to dwells upon it and anaws the sward \$25 that, not even in honor of the and licks the stones where it has been deposited! The cow is the most delightful feeder among animals It makes one's mouth water to see her eat pumpkins, and to see her at a pile of apples is distracting. How she sweeps off the delectable grass! The sound of her grazing is appetizing; the grass betrays all its sweetness and succulency imparting under her sickle .-Scribner.

Spirit of Love.

Beyond all question, it is the unalterable constitution of nature that there is efficacy, divine, unspeakable efficacy, in love, The exhibition of kindness has the power to bring even the irrational animal into subjection. Show kindness to a dog, and he will remember it; he will be grateful; he will infallibly return love for love, Show kindness to a lion and you can lead him by the mane; you can thrust your head into his mouth; you can melt the untamed ferocity of his heart into an affection stronger than death. In all of God's vast and unbounded creation, there is not a living and sentient being, from the least to the largest, not one, not even the outcast and degraded serpent, that is insensible to nets of kindness. If love, such as our beloved saviour manifested, could be Of 2-124, without the slightest skip or introduced into the world, and exert like the honey of the bee, and yet con- break, the last quarter being made at its appropriate dominion, it would reevery discordant voice. Even the into the quarter, 1:06; to the half, and of kindness is extended for their cui-